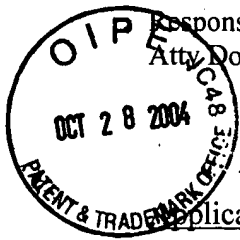


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RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT

This letter is responsive to the Office Action mailed 27 May 2004. In response to the Office Action, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification – none.

Amendments to the Claims – are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2.

Amendments to the Drawings – none.

Remarks – begin on page 8.